

## A WELSH HOLIDAY EVENT

**THE NEW YORK CITY EISTEDDFOD  
BRINGS OUT MANY COMPETITORS.**

Thomas L. James is a Welshman, and he Presided—Music, Poetry, and Oratory Joined Both for Pleasure and Profit. The members of the New York City...

stadded commemorated the great American holiday yesterday by a celebration in honor of their forefathers' land of Wales. Association Hall, Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue, was comfortably filled at both the afternoon and evening sessions. The platform was hung with American and British flags, and the flags ran the motto, "Y Gwein Yn Erybia Yn Ffwrdd," which signifies, "Truth against the world." Other Welsh proverbs were placed along the front of the galleries. Ex-Postmaster-General Thomas L. James presided during the afternoon. He made a few remarks to the effect that it was to the honor of the Welsh nation at a time when the other peoples of Europe practised cruel and brutal sports the national pastime of Wales took the form of literary and musical contests, such as were to be witnessed at this celebration.

The evening session began with the singing of the national song and hymns. The audience

requested by the printed programme and by the conductor of the exercises, the Rev. Dr. Evans of Philadelphia, to unite in the following chorus:

Gwlad, gwlad, pleidiol wrf i'm gwlad,  
Dydd yma fu'r ier bor hoff bân,  
O brydd i'r hen iaith barhail.

Nearly everybody sang with enthusiasm, and, for all the non-Welsh speaking auditors could tell, they may have uttered the sounds indicated in those lines. This translation is furnished by the Rev. Dr. Evans:

Wales, Wales, my native sweet home is in Wales,  
That death be passed, my love shall last,  
No longer may I 'hail' the old Welsh bard.

The regular exercises of the Eisteddfod began with the competitive singing of a duet for male voices called "The Two Bards," composed by the Rev. Dr. Evans, and sung by the Eisteddfod of 1888. There were five pairs of

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A translation into Welsh of the hymn "The God of Abraham Praise," won a prize of \$10 for Mr. An. Daniel of this city, well known as a translator in both English and Welsh.

A letter from the Hon. Ellis H. Roberts of Utica was read, assigning the \$30 prize for an essay on "Protection versus Free Trade," to

Two dollars, finishing the picture.

The following was the post script for the late Lewis H. Williams. There were two young competitors, Dr. Morgan P. Fitch and John W. Macaulay. The latter was the victor. He had written a poem entitled "A Song of the Gull," in which he used as a byword, "fymlog," "gylindyrbaed," and "lywyr." There were at least a few who were not satisfied with the satisfaction when the adjudicator declared that "one was as bad as the other, and both were as good as the other."

Three minutes each were given three gentlemen to make an "arrogant display," as it were, of their talents. The first was the "Cranks of Cranks" was amusing. The second was a song, "The Gull," which the Gunned Choral Society for their superior rendering of Dr. Parry's part song, "Sleep, My Dear,"

At the evening session there were similar exercises, and Miss Selma Lillenthal of Stapleton, was the only one who failed to receive her hard soap.

Three quartets tried singing at length. Both quartets were strong, but the first of the ludicrous failures.

The quartet which sang and defeated the Gunned Choral Society. The prize was \$125.

Dr. D. Parker Morgan, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, was briefly, as did also the District Attorney, Edward J. McLaughlin, and State Senator Williams of Harrisburg, Pa., in attendance.

**Locked Up with a Fire.**  
About midnight last night Policeman Robert J. Dempsey saw smoke issuing from the top floor of 32½ Ludlow street, occupied by the congregation of Love of Israel. The doors were locked, and when he rapped a man inside refused to open the door. Then the

officer forced the door, and a man dashed past. Dempsey captured him after a long chase. The prisoner gave his name as William Morris, and said he was the man who shot the syringamite. The fire did \$300 damage. Morris was locked up on a charge of arson.

**Found Dead on the Ice.**

William Grover of Centreville avenue, Woodhaven, called last night at the police station in East New York and reported to Capt. French that a man had been found floating in the water in the East River in Jamaica Bay, near Broad Channel, by Deputy Sheriff John Weisman. The man was without hat or coat. On Tuesday a cork was found in a closet in a room at Woodhaven, and it was supposed to have been the cork in the shoe. In the pocket there was a letter addressed to John Peters of Centerville, and it was supposed to be the letter which was made at that place by Capt. French. It was learned that the man was a colored man, and that he was a native of the island of Jamaica. His friends arrived at Woodhaven to see if they could identify the body.

**A Chinaman's Life Arrested.**

At a late hour last night Mary, alias Maud O'Brien was arrested, charged with abducting Florence McNeillie, the 10-year old girl who was assaulted in AB

She wore a sealskin ulster and a handsome tailor made dress. Mary admitted that she had brought the girl into the laundry, but declares that Florence had been well known to Chinamen in the neighborhood long before.

George Bechtel, a vagrant, died yesterday in the Black River chain on his way from the court room to the jail.

John Greenwald, who was sentenced to be hanged as the murderer of Lyman A. Hays, the man to whom a trial was granted by the Court of Appeals, is an confident and cheerful fellow, and he is expected to make a speech, to open a session in Brooklyn.

Samuel W. Sample, a brother of William J. Sample, the well known politician, is fighting the Brooklyn fire fire, has begun an action against his father, James Sample, for the recovery of the share of the property in some property of which he accuses them of defrauding him.

Mary Kelly has obtained a divorce from Hugh Kelly, to whom she was married in England in 1863, and who was married to her in 1870. She is now endeavoring to win a fortune as a contractor. The fugitive has been found to be living in Massachusetts, but another woman.

Mrs. Leah V. C. Naul is suing Joseph Naul, Jr. for a return of her property. She claims that he has ill-treated her almost continuously since their marriage, and that he has been guilty of adultery with her for something her. Mrs. Naul is the daughter of Dr. Naulman, a wealthy property owner.

Charles H. Johnson, a clerk in the Panama Railroad, has been arrested by the police of New York, on a charge of having stolen \$100,000 from the company.

The trial of the suit of Miss Beila Brennan against Kelly, the distributing agent for St. Vincent de Paul society, for \$1000 damages for alleged assault and battery, was set for the defendant, Miss Brennan was a servant in Mr. Kelly's family, and alleged that during a dispute about her wages he seized her by the neck and choked her.

The late Dr. John Neil and his son, who is also a physician, were members of the congregation at St. Paul's church last Sunday. At the close of the services, which were held by Rev. J. W. H. Baker, rector, and the funeral of Dr. Neil took place from the church last Sunday.

the undertaker to close the coffin and requested the people to leave the church. A mysterious explanation from Mr. Parker was published afterward that it was all the fault of the undertaker, since then, in a communication to a newspaper, Mr. Parker explained that the undertaker had overstepped his duties in opening the coffin, the custom of exposing the remains in church being opposed to the usage in the church. Dr. Bell's son is not satisfied with this explanation, and yesterday he wrote letters Mr. Parker, urging him to consider his